

MINUTES
UTAH
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

October 18, 2006

Room 475 (formerly 4B) – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:25 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

M. Carol O'Meara, Chairperson
Bonnie P. Held
Shari Bloom

Board Members Absent:

Noni Smith
Brenda K. Lyman

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Cheryl Rudy, Licensing Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve the August 3, 2006 Minutes.

Ms. Held made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Bloom seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

APPOINTMENTS:

10:00 A.M.

W. Scott Crider, Probationary Interview

Mr. Crider did not meet for his probationary interview.

Ms. Taxin stated that all Mr. Crider's reports have been submitted and document no incidents of concern. She reminded the Board that Mr. Crider's therapist, Dr. Jay Jeppson, terminated Mr. Crider's therapy.

Ms. Held requested Ms. Taxin to contact Mr.

Crider regarding his employment with the school system as he had worked in the schools prior to the summer vacation. Ms. Held requested a report from the schools if he is working with them during this school year.

Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Crider submitted documentation of completing a sexual harassment course through his work. Ms. Taxin asked the Board if they would accept the course as meeting the required 6 hours of CE in sexual harassment.

Ms. Held made a motion to approve the class as meeting the requirement in the Stipulation and Order of completing 6 hours of CE in the area of sexual harassment. Ms. Bloom seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin reviewed the requirements of Mr. Crider's Stipulation and Order. She stated that probation started April 12, 2006 and Mr. Crider has 20 hours of CE that must be completed within the first year of his probation. Ms. Taxin stated that Mr. Crider has been very straight forward about his situation and has taken responsibility for his actions. She stated that Mr. Crider explained to the Board what he learned from his therapy sessions and what he would do if he was in a similar type of situation in the future.

Ms. Taxin commented that the time is 10:25 am and she will contact Mr. Crider regarding missing his appointment today, being out of compliance with his Stipulation and Order, submitting documentation of his employment with the school system, discuss his CE requirements and have him fax his list to her for the required pre-approval.

The Board requested an appointment be made for Mr. Crider to meet again February 27, 2007.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Occupational Therapy Title Protection

This item was deferred from the last Board meeting.

Ms. Taxin reviewed the Law with the Board and commented that it does not have any title protection for only those licensed as an Occupational Therapist or

Occupational Therapy Assistant to use the title and/or acronyms of OT or OTA. Ms. Taxin stated that she will review the Rules to determine if the title protection might be defined by Rule under unprofessional conduct. She stated that the Law would need to be changed to include it in the Law. Ms. Taxin stated that she has heard of no complaints or issues that would create a need for the title protection to date but is something that they might want to consider if it becomes an issue or if any changes are made in the Law.

Ms. O'Meara asked Ms. Taxin to review the Legislation that was being considered regarding providing services as long as the individual disclosed they were not a licensed person which was the concern with title protection.

Ms. Taxin explained that the Bill to provide services as long as the individual discloses they are not licensed will not be presented in the 2007 Legislative session.

Ms. Held made a motion for Ms. Taxin to review the Rules and to draft a new Rule that states it is unprofessional conduct for failing to obtain and maintain a Utah license as an Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapy Assistant while providing Occupational services.

Ms. Bloom seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Law and Rules Examination

Ms. Taxin stated that she previously talked with the Board regarding moving the Utah Occupational Therapy Law and Rule Examination from Thomson Prometric and then include questions in the application. Ms. Taxin recommended revising the Rule to require the examination to be in the application based on applicant difficulties with registration, being billed twice for the examination, being given incorrect information, some of the questions are inappropriate for Occupational Therapy and, sometimes, an incorrect examination is given. Ms. Taxin stated that she has been told that there is no correlation between passing the examination and

practicing ethically. Ms. Taxin stated that the application has a statement for the applicant to read and sign that they have read the Laws and Rules and understand them and some Boards have determined that is adequate. Ms. Taxin stated that the Board could always recommend going back to a formal examination.

Ms. Held responded that she approves of taking away the Utah Law and Rule examination but would want something in the application for the application to sign that they have read the Law and Rule and understand them.

Ms. Held made a motion to delete the Occupational Therapy Law and Rule examination and include a signed affidavit in the application regarding the applicant having read the Law and Rule and will abide by them.

Ms. Bloom seconded the motion.

The Board vote was unanimous.

Tentative 2007 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the tentative 2007 schedule and requested that the scheduled meetings for January and April and October be cancelled and meetings be scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, Wednesday, July 25 and Tuesday, November 27, 2007.

While reviewing the 2007 schedule, Ms. Taxin suggested Board members notify Ms. McCall if they would be interested in attending an NBCOT Conference. Ms. Taxin stated that she will request funding for one Board member to attend if there is an interest. She also asked the Board to notify Ms. McCall a minimum of two weeks prior to Board meetings if there are any items to be included on the agenda.

Clarification Item

Ms. Bloom asked how frequently the National Examination is given and the locations of the examination.

Ms. Held responded that the National Examination

is offered frequently and arrangements are made by NBCOT with most Universities as examination sites. Ms. Held stated that the examination is no longer a paper and pencil exam and is now computerized.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBCOT Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following NBCOT correspondence:

1. The list of Visa Certificates Issued in the Third Quarter of 2006. **No action was taken.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

10:25 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing